

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

In the official office action dated October 19, 2006 the examiner requested that the applicant provide certain information as required under 37 CFR §1.105. Specifically, the examiner has requested the applicant provide additional teachings related the applicant's comments made in the specification at paragraph numbers [0056], [0057] and [0085] where in the applicant referred to well known Eastern Europe and Eurasian folk remedies derived from sponges. The examiner noted that "while the specification states that 'folk medicine and natural medicine literature is replete with diverse preparation made from dried sponges used to treat and palliate diseases,' the applicant has not supplied such teachings." Consequently, the examiner in his office action from October 19, 2006 requested that the applicant supply the information the applicant is aware and upon which the applicant based her specification.

First, some background on the inventor is important to appreciating her comments in the identified paragraphs. Dr. Villani is a Russian trained physician now practicing in the United States. Growing up in the Russian medical community anecdotal comments regarding various folk remedies including the use of natural sponges. Thus the comments, "folk medicine and natural medicine literature is replete with diverse preparations made from dried sponges and used to treat and palliate diseases" was intended merely to emphasize the fact that while the applicant was familiar with the many legends associated with the curative and palliative effects derived from natural sources, the present invention is easily distinguished because it resulted from years of scientific inquiry and research by the applicant and was not merely an obvious extension of folk lore. That said, the applicant has researched the folk lore and natural medicine-related references known to her and compiled the attached documents in their original language with certified translations of the title pages and summaries. A form 1449 is included for the examiner's signature after reviewing the included documents.

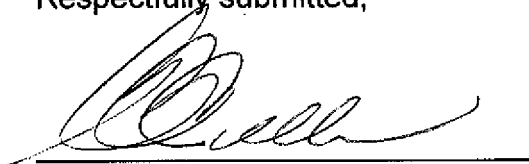
The applicant believes that this response to the examiner's request is complete and that the present case is now ready to be passed to allowance. We appreciate the examiner's diligence in regards to this important application and his patience in waiting for the applicant to compile the requested documents.

Applicant respectfully requests that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge any fee which may be required in connection with this Amendment to deposit account No. 50-3207.

Respectfully submitted,

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